

more than 40 per cent, they can still implement such works provided the mix of works taken up results in the overall expenditure on wage-component being not less than 60 per cent. The material component can also be substantially brought down by use of local materials which the JRY guideline prescribe.

In addition, the guidelines also permit the use of funds from other Government and non-Government sources to meet the additional cost of material in case it becomes absolutely necessary to take up works in which the expenditure on material component is more than 40 per cent.

Mobile Vans for Public Distribution in Hilly and backward areas of Maharashtra

1043. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the concept of mobile vans for Public Distribution System in the Hilly and backward areas of Maharashtra has been implemented; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government propose to consider allocating Mobile Vans to women/ backward community co-operative societies for establishing Mobile Fair Price Shops;

(c) whether all necessary items are proposed to be made available through these Fair Shops considering the high cost of the same in Hilly and backward areas; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Government of Maharashtra has availed of a total financial assistance of Rs. 30.00 lakhs, during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 for purchase of 12 mobile vans

under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme to be operated as mobile Fair Price Shops in hilly, rural and in-accessible areas. The assistance has been sanctioned on 75% loan and 25% subsidy basis.

(b) The organisation through which these vans are run/managed is decided by the State Government concerned.

(c) and (d): It is also for the State Government to decide whether any additional items apart from regular PDS items are to be distributed through the mobile fair price shops.

Target of Employment in Bihar under National Rural Employment Programme

1044. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to states:

(a) the targets fixed under National Rural Employment Programme for providing employment in Bihar during last three years; and

(b) the details of achievements made in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) which was being implemented in all the States including that of Bihar, has been merged into a new programme known as Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) from the year 1989-90.

The employment generation target fixed and achieved in Bihar during the last 3 years under NREP/JRY is as under:-